

## URBAN PARK AND RECREATION FUND

### Appropriation Language

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*For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.), \$305,000, to remain available until expended, for conservation spending category activities.*

*Note. – A regular 2003 appropriation for this account had not been enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, this account is operating under a continuing resolution (P.L. 107-229, as amended). The amounts included for 2003 in this budget reflect the Administration's 2003 policy proposals.*

### Justification of Major Proposed Language Changes

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1. Deletions: “ and to be” “the”

These deletions simplify the grammatical structure of the sentence.

2. Addition: “spending category “

The added words more properly identify the funding as belonging to the category defined by the referenced Act.

3. Deletion: “defined in section 250(c)(4)(E) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, for the purposes of such Act”

A new General Provision, Sec. 323, is proposed, applying this legal reference to all funding for “conservation spending category activities,” thus making it unnecessary to quote the reference in each Appropriation.

4. Addition: “Note. --- A regular 2003 appropriation for this account had not been enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, this account is operating under a continuing resolution (P.L. 107-229, as amended). The amounts included for 2003 in this budget reflect the Administration's 2003 policy proposals.”

Addition of this note is needed to explain the source of figures used for Fiscal Year 2003, in the absence of an enacted appropriation.

### Authorizing Statutes

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**16 U.S.C. 2501-2514 Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978**, as amended, establishes the Urban Park and Recreation Fund and prescribes how funds are to be obtained and distributed. The Act authorizes certain activities with the common purpose of helping provide outdoor recreation resources which include: inventory, evaluation, and classification of needs and resources; formulation of a comprehensive nationwide recreation plan; technical assistance to non-federal entities; encouragement of cooperation among states and federal entities; and research and education.

**2 U.S.C. 9000(c)(4), The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985**, as amended by Title VIII of Public Law 106-291, Department of Interior appropriations for FY2001, lists appropriations within which funding to preserve natural resources, to provide for recreation, and for related purposes constitutes ‘conservation spending category’